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Art Unit No.: 1621

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For: *Valve Actuator Apparatus*

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 22, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, kindly amend the paragraph under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" as follows:

Clean Version of Amended Paragraph

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/538,881, filed on March 30, 2000, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,250,605, issuing June 26, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/968,904, filed on November 6, 1997, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,089,531, issuing July 18, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/206,424, filed on March 4, 1994, and now abandoned.

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Remarks

The paragraph with regard to related application data that was added in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 22, 2001 has been amended to correct typographical errors and to update the status of U.S.S.N. 09/538,881, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,250,605.

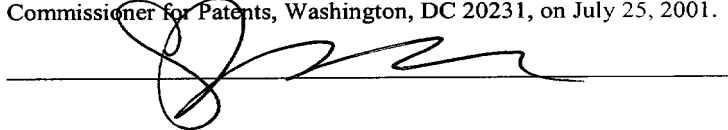
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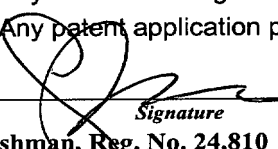
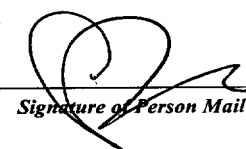
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)			Docket No. Safoco-1-2		
Applicant(s): Terry G. Young					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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